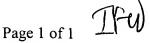
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#### Mail Stop Amendment

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 26, 2005, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and comments in connection with the above-captioned application

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.